

641—93.2(135) Panel.

93.2(1) *Panel composition.* The director shall appoint the members of the panel. The panel shall be comprised of seven members, with one member having expertise in issues related to child abuse, one member having expertise in issues related to dependent adult abuse, one member having expertise in curriculum development, and four members representing mandatory reporters or employers of mandatory reporters. Appointments shall be for three-year staggered terms that shall expire on June 30. A member shall serve no more than three terms or nine years. The director shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term of the vacancy. The director shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the total composition of the panel is fair, impartial, and equitable.

93.2(2) *Designation of officers.* The panel shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson at the first meeting of each fiscal year. A vacancy in the office of chairperson shall be filled by elevation of the vice-chairperson. A vacancy in the office of vice-chairperson shall be filled by election at the next meeting after the vacancy occurs. If the chairperson is absent or unable to act, the vice-chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the panel, appoint such subcommittees as deemed necessary, and designate the chairperson of each subcommittee.

93.2(3) *Vacancies.* In the event a vacancy occurs prior to the completion of the panel member's term, the director shall fill the vacancy using the same criteria required in the selection of the original member. The director shall declare a vacancy upon the death, resignation, or failure to serve of any panel member.